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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-5

Part B for January 1917

SUBJECT.

Police escorts for mails passing through the State.

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5) Do, The R. A. Resident
No Pol 714. 19. 1. 1917
States that the Durbar regret their inability to undertake any general responsibility of providing Police escorts for mails passing through the State.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police)

NOTES.

File No. 221-15

FILE HEADING.

Police escort for mails passing through the State.

From

The 7 A. Resident

No. 4132 Dated 13.6.16 Received 14.6.16

Diary No. J3140	Enclos. nuple Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of Post Master General's letter no. S.F. 27-2 dt 20 5.16 with copies of enclosures ~~forwarded~~ regarding the escort of mails by the police for consideration and favor of a reply and requests to be informed whether there is any objection to supply escorts if the Post Master General agrees to pay the cost.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd. for orders with a draft calling for the I.G.'s views.

BS. 14.6.16.

PRL

22/6 Done

EB 23/6

J

Secret

NOTES—First Sheet.

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2	To The I.G. of Police No 4980 24th June 1916 calls for his views in the matter and enquires whether there is any objection to supply escorts.
3	From The I.G.P. No. 80-10 dt 6.8.716 Returns the enclosure to the above & states that they deal with escort for remittances and that he will address Govt. in the matter after consulting the Dy Comrs. 3) Subd. for orders. BH. 11.716.
	4) Please put up the Madras Police Order with print with reference flagged. What is the definition of mails in the Post Office Act? 13/7 Pol 13/7 A page 12 of Vol 21-15 (1-5). 5) Subd. Except the order referred to by the Post Master General there is no other order in the Madras Police Codes on the subject. A copy of the Madras Police order no 546 relating to the strength of escorts for treasure by sea by road & rail is also put up. How far this order applies to postal remittances is not clear 6) The term 'mail' is not defined in the Post Office Act, but the terms 'mail bag' and 'mail ship' are defined. BH. 28.7.16

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1) The definition of "mail bag" seems to be comprehensive enough to include bag containing insured letters. The distinction between "mails" and "remittance" referred to by the DG. does not seem borne out by the orders. But we may await further communication in the matter.

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Ubd 2
29.7

(Second member) 3) Yes, await.

31.7 Vb

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31/7

Sus A
1/8

4) Sd. Secy's order on the Political Arrear List:-

5) "In 60 cases issue telegram reminder for expediting replies."

(Initd.) D. Jac. R.
14.8.16.

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Sus A

6) Subd. with a Brief Reminder to the D.G. of Police.

7) Done

8/15/8

To
The D.G. of Police. no. J640/J 16.8.16.

Reminder.

12) Subd. No reply has yet been received.

BG.
21.8.16.
9/8.

Sus A
21/8

13) Wait for week more as reply has to come from the DG.

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21/8

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From
The I. G. P. no. 1024-83 dt 23/24. 8.16

Stats that the correspondence relates to postal remittances and not to ordinary daily mails and that if escorts have to be provided for such remittances a separate armed police has to be maintained. and invites reference to the correspondence regarding the transfer of the Mysore Ancht to the Imperial Postal Dept. according to which the utmost that is expected of the State is to maintain an efficient and well managed police for the security of the roads.

HoM & T

14) Subd. The responsibility of Native States for losses due to armed robbery within their territory is laid down in Govt. of India order no. 2455-I dt 29.7.85 in the Foreign Dept. In the case of the Mysore State this responsibility will not be enforced so long as the Mysore police are as efficient and well managed as they were in Nov 1887.

JCK

Vide Resolution No. E/12 11.87 JCM

B.P. 4.9.16 NRN

15) The Madras Rules seem to be clear and provide for an escort on a regulated scale when the roads are unsafe or where the amount of remittance or the value of the insured articles is

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above the value of Rs 1000.

16) As regards the present question, the Dubas should not be held liable for any loss so long as the Police force in Mysore remains efficient and well managed. There can be no doubt that the State has fulfilled all the terms of the agreement and cannot be held to do more than keep the roads safe. The only question for consideration is as to what arrangements should be made for the escort in cases of remittances and insured articles of the value of Rs 1000 and above, if the Postal authorities agree to pay for the same. As there is no armed Police as in British India, the H.S. considers that the existing Police cannot undertake the work. Whether the Bare Force can undertake to do the work has to be settled only after Consulting the Chief Commandant in the matter.

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6.9.16

Es
6/9

Second Member

17) Consult Chief Commandant accordingly, & then put up a short report to the Govt on the lines generally of the D.S.'s letter. (It need not be controversial.)

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N-O-J 2108/16

D/ 11-9-16

18) Forwarded unofficially to the Chief Commandant, for favour of opinion.

By order
E Sunivan Lyr
9.9.16 For Secy to Govt.

19) I think this is the legitimate duty of the Police. It is not a war zone for the inhabitants to escort Mails or Postal Remittances. The Special Reserve are armed with Short Rifles, but if they cannot take these duties, the D.G might have asked for men of better arms. The Infantry cannot take up these duties unless the strength is raised by another hundred or two with better pay. We have a large number of Europeans in each Regt on the present scale of pay.

3. 10. 16

J. De Saxy Ills
Lt Col
C.C. M.S. Troops

Rec'd 7.10.16

20) Subd. for orders. No decision has been arrived at regarding the supply of the escort if the Postal Dept agree

BG. 7/10/16

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to pay the cost.

B.G. 11.10.16.

21) Please put up draft on the lines of the D/S letter.

E.B. 18/10

22) Submd. with a draft.

B.G. 16

23) Two questions have been raised in the letter under disposal and require consideration by the Durbar.

24) First, the Postmaster General contends that as the Madras Govt. have directed the Police to supply escort whenever postal remittances exceed Rs 1000/- irrespective of the Safety of the road, Similar orders may be issued by the Durbar. on this point, under the agreement between the Durbar and the British Govt. the Durbar are not liable for anything more than Keeping the Police in an efficient condition, and maintaining the ~~roads~~ Safety of the roads. This under the agreement that the question has to be decided.

25) As regards the Second point namely of providing an escort in the event of the Post Master General agreeing to pay the cost of the same, the D/S of Police says the Police force here can not undertake the

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the Durbar in the absence from armed Police as in Madras. The Chief Commandant also expresses his inability to supply the necessary escort unless his force is materially strengthened. The adoption this proposal may also lead to some delicate situations. The Durbar will then be a sort of paid agency and may have to take also the liabilities consequent on that position.

Submitted for favour of orders with a draft.

H
15/10

Secy
26) The case requires discussion. The draft proposed will not do. Mr Ty will kindly see me.

Dcsec
27/10

27) A revised draft is submitted for favourable orders.

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28/10

Secy
28) The typed revised draft reply may be approved.

Dcsec & Secy
28/10
15/11

Second member & Dewan

22.11

Dcsec
24/11
15/11

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26.12.16

29) Draft approved by Dewan.

15.1.17.

Dcsec
16/1

30) Secy
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As Pol. draft has received the Member Dcsec
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21.12.16.

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5	To The B. A. Resident No Pol 414 19th Jan: 1917 States that the Durbar regret their inability to undertake any General responsibility of providing Police escorts for mails passing through the State.

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No. 4132

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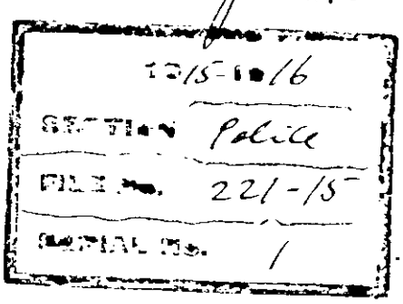
FROM

MAJOR T. H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

DIARY No. J.3140.



To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 13th June 1916.

SIR,

7C U pol 146-15-4

With reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Narasinga Rao's letter No. 1019 Pol., dated the 8th April 1916, regarding a police escort for the mails passing between Marigudighat and Molakalmuru, I am directed to forward a copy of letter No. S.F. 27/2, dated the 20th May 1916, with enclosures, received from the Postmaster General, Madras Circle, for the consideration of the Durbar and favour of a reply.

2. I am at the same time to request that the Resident may kindly be informed whether, in the event of the Postmaster-General agreeing to pay the cost of similar escort the Durbar would have any objection to supply - - escorts when the Postmaster-General considers them desirable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. St. G. Tucker

First Assistant Resident.

KH

R. O. 2.—R. P. B.—4-1916.—1,000

Letter No. SF-27/2, dated the 20th May 1916, from the Postmaster-General, Madras Circle, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

Adverting to your endorsement No. 2941, dated the 29th April 1916, I have the honour to forward, for your information, the accompanying copies of the orders of the Madras Police and of the Madras Government in the matter of furnishing police escorts for postal remittances. It will be seen that whenever the police cannot guarantee the safety of the road, they should supply an escort whatever may be the value of the contents of the mail bags. Again, a police escort must be supplied whenever remittances exceed Rs. 1,000, irrespective of the safety or otherwise of the road. The Madras Government have ruled that these orders should be strictly adhered to and that the District Superintendent of Police should keep the Superintendents of Post Offices informed with regard to roads the safety of which the Police cannot ensure.

2. Thus in British India every facility is afforded by the police for the safe transmission of the mails apart from the maintenance of the safety of the roads for ordinary traffic. I request, therefore, that, if the Hon'ble the Resident agrees with me, the Durbar may kindly be asked to pass orders similar to those of the Madras Government in the matter.

COPY,

Registrar,

Resident's Office.

Copy of the Orders of the Madras Police.

"Police escorts shall be furnished for Postal remittances, unless the Police are prepared to ensure the safety of the road. Whenever a postal remittance exceeds Rs. 1,000 a police escort shall be supplied.

No. 1634, Judicial, 8th November 1910.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

J U D I C I A L D E P A R T M E N T.

Read the following papers -

I

G.O. No. 449 Judicial, dated 24th March 1910.

Abstract. Recording correspondence relating to the temporary dislocation of registration and insurance business in certain post offices in the Madura district, and inviting suggestions from the Postmaster General as regards the arrangements considered necessary by him for the regular despatch of such work in future in those post offices.

II.

Letter from H. Tulloch Esqr., Offg: Postmaster General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government No. 38495, dated the 5th September 1910.

With reference to G.O. No. 449 (Judicial), - - dated the 24th March 1910, I have the honour to forward herewith the note referred to in the last sentence of my predecessor's letter No. 58175, dated the 23rd November 1909, and, if it is approved of, to request that Government will be pleased to issue such orders to the police as they may consider necessary.

2. It is unsafe to arm the postal peons who accompany mails as they are unaccustomed to the use of fire-arms and there is no guarantee that they would use them properly. At a time when it is considered necessary to restrict the possession of fire-arms, it would be undesirable to permit a number of menial servants of the post office to carry fire-arms and use them at their discretion.

3. Insurance work has been resumed at the following post offices : -

1. Manamadura)
2. Sivaganga)
3. Aruppukota)
4. Abiramam) and their branch offices.
5. Kamuti)
6. Kilakarai)
7. Paramakudi)

It has not been resumed at the following post offices as the police have declared the roads to be unsafe: -

1. Karaikudi)
2. Kondanoor)
3. O'Siruvayal)
4. Tirupatur (Madura)) and their branch offices.
5. Devakota)
6. Munnar)

ENCLOSURE.

Note

The District Superintendent of Police shall, from time to time, send the Divisional Superintendent of Post Offices and the Postmaster-General a list of the roads in the district the safety of which the Police are unable to ensure.

2. When a post office has to transmit cash or insured articles on a road declared undafe by the police, or when a postal remittance or the value of insured - - articles exceeds Rs. 1,000 on any road, whether it is declared safe or undafe, or when there are more than one post office on the same road and the total value of cash and insured articles transmitted by them will exceed these limits, the officer in charge of the post office shall send a requisition in the following form to the officer in charge of the nearest police station for a police - - escort : -

No. Post Office.

Dated 191

Time hours.

To

To

The Police Station House Officer of - - -

or any officer in charge of the station.

Sir,

As a postal remittance of the value of Rs.
has to be sent from to
on the 191 , please arrange to provide the required police escort as early as possible.

I am &c.,

:Postmaster.

3. It will then become the duty of the Station House Officer, in accordance with instructions issued by his departmental superiors, to furnish the required escort as expeditiously as possible and in the meantime it shall be the duty of the Station House Officer to arrange as far as practicable, to guard the post office during night.

4. When a police escort is not provided within three days in compliance with a requisition from an officer in charge of a post office, he shall communicate, if possible by wire, to the District Superintendent of Police and shall send a copy of the message by post to the - - Divisional Superintendent of post offices and the Postmaster-General.

III

Endorsement No. 5746-1, Judicial, dated 16th Septr. 1910

Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for - - favour of remarks.

By Order,
Sd/ S.H.Slater,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Police.

IV.

Letter from H. Douglas-Robertson, Esqr.,

Ag. Inspector-General of Police, Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated the 1st October 1910.

No. R.C. 1116-Govt.

With reference to Judicial Department Endorsement No. 5746-1, dated 16th September 1910, I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the note forwarded by the Postmaster-General with his letter No. - - 38495 of the 5th idem.

Paragraph 1. - Superintendents of Police have already been instructed to keep Superintendents of Post Offices informed from time to time of the roads in their districts the safety of which cannot be ensured. This information, if desired, can also be communicated to the Postmaster-General.

Paragraph 2 - Under existing orders the police are required to furnish escorts for postal remittances unless they are prepared to ensure the safety of the road, and whenever the postal remittance exceeds Rs. 1,000. This practice will continue. At the same time I would point out that, under the reallocation, when police stations will be few and far between, there will be an increased difficulty in meeting constant demands for postal escorts It seems therefore most desirable that the postal ~~exceeds~~ departments should take some steps to arm their peons, so as to ensure the safety of small remittances for which Police escorts cannot be furnished.

Paragraph 3 - It is not explained why or how the police are to guard post offices, nor do I consider that this is a part of their duty same under exceptional circumstances.

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Paragraph 4 - This calls for no remarks.

Order No. 1634, Judicial, dated 8th November 1910.

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2. The Postmaster-General proposes that Superintendents of Police should keep Divisional Superintendents of Post Offices and the Postmaster-General informed with regard to roads the safety of which the Police are unable to ensure. District Superintendents of Police have already been instructed to furnish this information to - - Superintendents of Post Offices. The Inspector-General will now be requested to communicate the required information to the Postmaster-General also.

3. With regard to paragraph 2 of the Postmaster General's note, suggesting provision for requisition for police escorts to guard postal remittances which exceed Rs. 1,000 in value, or which are to be conveyed over - - roads declared to be unsafe, the police obligations in this respect are already indicated in the Police Orders, and the existing rules will be adhered to. The Government agree with the Postmaster-General as to the inadvisability of arming postal peons, and consider that the Inspector-General has over-estimated the difficulties arising from the reallocation scheme. That scheme no doubt materially diminishes the number of police stations

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but it also increases the aggregate number of constables. While, therefore, the new conditions may cause delay in providing escorts, they cannot affect police resources in furnishing them. These resources will, on the contrary, be increased.

4. The Postmaster-General further proposes that pending arrival of the escort, the Station House Officer should be required, as far as possible, to arrange for guarding the post office at night. The Government cannot undertake to impose this liability on the police. The same cause which leads to a delay in furnishing the escort will usually make it impossible to supply constables for night watch.

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Police
File No. 221-16
Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. J 4980/Encls

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Date of issue 24.6.1916

Signed by Mr. C. Seeniwasa Iyer

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the marginally* noted communication with copies of its enclosures (to be returned with the reply) for the use of providing police escorts for mails and to request you to be favoured with your views in the matter at a very early date.

Further, I am to enquire

over.

* Letter no. S.F. 27-2 67 20.5.16 from the Post Master General, Madras circle, to the P.A. Resident

SUBJECT.

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whether there is any objection to supply escorts when the Post Master General considers them desirable if that Office agrees to pay their cost.

I have &c.

Secy. & Govt.

BG.
14.6.16.

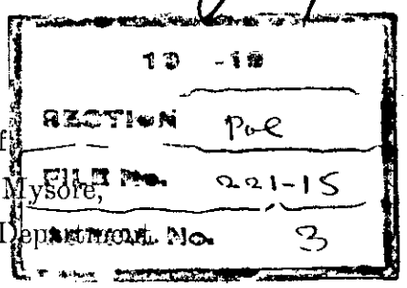
No. 80/10 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Encl. 8 *Dated* Bangalore, 6th/8 July 191 6.

From

Diwan Bahadur C. SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR, B.A., B.L.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

DIARY No. J. 67



To

D. M. NARASINGA RAO, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
~~Officiating~~ Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. J. 7980/Police 221-15-2 dated the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to state that while the letter asks for opinion about furnishing escorts for 'mails,' the enclosures thereof which are referred to for information, all deal with escorts for purely remittances of treasure, which is quite a different thing. If such escorts for treasure are needed, they would not only have to be paid for, but an adequate separate armed staff, as per prescribed scale of escorts for treasure, has also to be entertained and maintained, as our Police Force is not an armed Force.

I am consulting the Deputy Commissioners on the subject, and shall address Government again in the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Srikantaraiya

Inspector General of Police.

R.R.

From

GPB—400—22-7-15

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Dept.

Dated
Despatched } 8th July 1916
Received

General No. 80/C0 &c 8
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SUBJECT.

Re escort for Mails

No. 1024
Encl. 88

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 23rd August 1916.

DIARY No. J. 4981

From

Diwan Bahadur C. SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR, B.A., B.L.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

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221-15
No. 1

To

D. M. NARASINGA RAO, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
~~Officiating~~ Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.J.4980/Police. 221-15-2 dated the 24th June 1916, anent providing Police escorts for Mails, I have the honor to state that while the postal carts and runners are as much entitled to receive Police protection as the others using the roads, the responsibility for making any special arrangements for taking care of mails is a matter resting with the Postal Department. Paragraph 3 of the Madras Government order No.1634 Judl dated the 8th November 1910 and Madras Police Order No.558 mentioned therein copy of which accompanied your letter under advertance, both refer to Police escorts for postal 'remittances' or treasure, which is quite different from furnishing escorts for the ordinary daily mails or "for the safe transmission of the mails" referred to in paragraph 2 of Letter No.S.F.27/2 dated the 20th May 1916 from the Post Master General, Madras Circle to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble Resident in Mysore. It must be admitted that the Police are expected and bound to have the roads properly patrolled and keep them safe for traffic, which they always undertake to do with all the resources available at their disposal.

GEN. & REV. BRANCH
26 AUG 1916

GPB—400—22-7-15

From The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, General Dept.

Dated
Despatched } 24th August 1916
Received

General No. 1024/83
No.

SUBJECT.

Anent providing Police escorts for Mails &c.

2. As it is, mails are entrusted solely to a common jutka driver, who generally is of a very indifferent class or of doubtful character(or may be even a previous convict, as it did once actually occur in a recent case), and not being a servant of any Government either, subject to the disciplinary rules of any kind, takes in any number of passengers of all sorts. The Policeman who is asked to escort these mails is refused a seat in the jutka, unless he pays for it, and even if he be given a seat, there is no guarantee that the driver and the passengers will not combine and overpower the single constable and rob the mails, if they choose to. In such a case, the gun or other arm which the constable may carry will only come in handy for these men to use against him. A good deal of trouble was experienced in this matter some years ago, when the experiment of Police escort was tried in respect of the mails between Kolar and Bowringpet, and given up, presumably with the concurrence of the Postal authorities themselves. These have been fully explained in my letter No.4775/615 dated the 7th March 1915.

3. Such state of affairs will continue, unless and until the Postal Department makes arrangements to send the mails in charge of a responsible official of the Department.

4. As regards the escorts to be provided for the postal 'remittances', I beg to invite reference of Government to the correspondence regarding the transfer of our old Anche to the Imperial Postal Department, wherefrom it will be seen that the most that the State undertook to do was to maintain an efficient and well managed Police for the security of the roads; and even now, whenever any road is considered unsafe for carrying valuable treasure, intimation thereof can and will be given to the Postal authorities, as has always been the practice.

5. In Madras and other Provinces of British India, escorts for not only Postal but all Government remittances are furnished by the Police, as they maintain at the head quarters of each District a body of armed Police, available for the performance of all the guard, escort and orderly duties, including the supply of escorts to bring in treasure and that is the reason for detailing a Police escort when remittances exceed Rs.1,000/-. These duties of guarding and escorting treasure are performed in the State by our Barr Force, and if any escort has to be furnished for the postal remittances by the Police, a separate armed Police, on the scale prescribed for the escort of treasure &c, has to be maintained, our existing Police Force not having been organized or equipped for, nor being adequate or capable of taking upon them, such duties, which had never been contemplated.

I have the honor to be,

sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Sankaran Nair

Inspector General of Police.

Draft as revised by the Second Member

Pol. 714/D. 1917.

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Pol 221-15-5

Bangalore,

December 1916.

To

The First Assistant to the

Resident in Mysore.

S i r,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.4132, dated the 13th June 1916 regarding the supply of police escorts for the mails passing through the State, I am directed to invite reference to your letter No.1421-273, dated the 31st August 1885, forwarding copy of Government of India Resolution No.2495-1, dated the 29th July 1885 about the responsibility of Native States for mail robberies, and to the correspondence ending withiletter No.24, dated the 28th November 1887 from the Dewan to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, connected with the transfer of the old anche to the Imperial Postal Department. Under existing arrangements the postal carts and runners receive general protection and whenever any road is considered unsafe, intimation thereof is at once given to the postal authorities concerned and the responsibility of making special arrangements

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arrangements for the safety of the mails rests with the Postal Department.

2. The experiment of providing Police escorts for mails was tried some years ago with regard to the mails passing between Kolar and Bowringpet but given up as it did not work satisfactorily. (Vide correspondence ending with Mr. Moss King's letter No.399 dated the 24th January 1905).

3. In these circumstances the Durbar regret their inability to undertake any general responsibility of providing Police escorts for mails passing through the State. They will however be prepared to consider the question of supplying suitable escorts in special cases on payment by the Post Master General of the cost involved.

15.1.17.

I have etc.,

Secretary to Govt.,
General Department.